

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 have been cancelled. Claims 4-17 have been newly presented.
No new matter is added. This preliminary amendment is made to put the application
in better condition for examination.

CONCLUSION

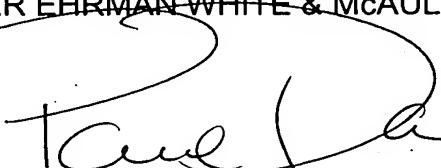
It is submitted that the present application is in form for examination, and such
action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may
be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit
Account No. 08-1641 (Docket No. 39227-0706).

Respectfully submitted,

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